November 20
1941

Millennial Star

[Photo by J. P. H.

Twilight Hour

Vol. 103, No. 47 Thursday, November 20, 1941

POETRY

TO BE, OR NOT TO BE.

To be, or not to be: that is the question:
Whether 'tis nobler in the mind to suffer
The slings and arrows of outrageous fortune,
Or to take arms against a sea of troubles,
And by opposing end them? To die: to sleep;
No more; and by a sleep to say we end
The heart-ache and the natural shocks
That flesh is heir to, 'tis a consummation
Devoutly to be wish'd. To die, to sleep;
For in that sleep of death what dreams may come
When we have shuffled off this mortal coil,
Must give us pause: there's the respect
That makes calamity of so long life;
For who would bear the whips and scorns of time,
The oppressor's wrong, the proud man's contumely,
The pangs of despised love, the law's delay,
The insolence of office and the spurns
That patient merit of the unworthy takes,
When he himself might his quietus make
With a bare bodkin? Who would fardels bear,
To grunt and sweat under a weary life,
But that the dread of something after death,
The undiscover'd country from whose bourn
No traveller returns, puzzles the will
And makes us rather bear those ills we have
Than fly to others that we know not of?
Thus conscience does make cowards of us all;
And thus the native hue of resolution
Is sicklied o'er with the pale cast of thought,
And enterprises of great pitch and moment
With this regard their currents turn awry,
And lose the name of action.

—William Shakespeare,
from "Hamlet," Act 3, Scene 1.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

A good life is more to be desired than a good living.

THE LATTER-DAY SAINTS'

MILLENNIAL STAR

ESTABLISHED IN 1840

Vol. 103, No. 47 Thursday, November 20, 1941 Price Two Pence

The MILLENNIAL STAR is published weekly by the British Mission of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Subscription price: 2s. 3d. for three months; 4s. 6d. for six months; 6s. 9d. for nine months; and 8s. 8d. per year.

JAMES P. HILL
Editor—Publisher

149 Nightingale Lane, London, S.W.12 Telephone BATtersea 4510

O Lord, we delight not in the destruction of our fellow men! their souls are precious before thee;
But thy word must be fulfilled; help thy servants to say, with thy grace assisting them, thy will be done, O Lord, and not ours.—Doctrine and Covenants 109: 43, 44.

★

EDITORIAL
Revelation Continues *by L. Valess Dewey* - - - 744

ARTICLES
Science Related To Religious Faith *by Ira J. Markham* 738

SPECIAL FEATURES
Perfect Love *by Brother John F. Cook* - - - - 741
To The Land Of Our Saviour (cont. from Oct. 30th) *by Leone Openshaw Jacobs* 743
For The Young Folk - - - - - - - - - - 749

More Congratulations - - - - - - - - - - 742
Temple Builders Progress - - - - - - - - - 748
Home Missionaries - - - - - - - - - - 750
Sister Douglas Passes - - - - - - - - - 751
District Activities - - - - - - - - - - 751

★

THIS WEEK'S COVER

TWILIGHT

WHAT heart has not acknowledged the influence of this hour; the sweet and soothing hour of twilight, the hour of love, the hour of adoration, the hour of rest, when we think of those we love only to regret that we have not loved them more dearly, when we remember our enemies only to forgive them?—Anon.

Science Related To Religious Faith

By Ira J. Markham

"IF any man will do His will, he shall know of the doctrine whether it be of God or whether I speak of myself."—John 7: 17.

This quotation from the Bible expresses a fundamental formula for the develompent of faith. It represents the scientific approach to a knowledge of the truth of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

True faith is a conviction developed in the mind that has studied all facts available, has compared one to the other and arrived at a definite conclusion. Only after a life pattern has been formulated and established, which conforms with the highest standards of the Gospel of Jesus Christ does mental conviction really develop into a living faith.

This formula for the develoment of faith has been proclaimed anew by a latter-day prophet, President Heber J. Grant. He has promised the members of the Church that anyone who will pay their honest tithing, live the Word of Wisdom and pray sincerely, will never lose their testimony of the Gospel. It is possible to read within this statement a promise that all members of the Church who live in accordance with the high standards of the Gospel of Jesus Christ will increase in faith and spiritual power.

The development of faith is more than mental conviction. Missionaries are aware of the fact that many people mentally admit the veracity of the Gospel, yet they do not apply for baptism.

They believe up to a certain point. They fail to gain a testimony because they will not go all the way in order to test the principles of the Gospel in their lives. They want to live the principles of the Gospel only so far as the requirements fit their life most conveniently.

The type of faith that moves to action is not just a mental acquiescence that the principles of the Gospel are true. The kind of faith that impels people to join the Church is a soul satisfying emotion that springs from an approved pattern of living where the individual is also humble and prayerful and is willing to learn.

"Behold, you have not understood, you have supposed that I would give it unto you when you took no thought save it was to ask me.

"But behold, I say unto you, that you must study it out in your mind; then you must ask me if it be right, and if it is right, I will cause that your bosom shall burn within you; therefore you shall feel that it is right."—Doc and Cov. 9: 7-8.

TO MANIFEST TRUTH

"And when ye shall receive these things, I would exhort you that ye would ask God, the Eternal Father, in the name of Christ, if these things are true: and if ye shall ask with a sincere heart, with real intent, having faith in Christ, he will manifest the truth of it unto you by the power of the Holy Ghost.

"And by the power of the Holy Ghost ye may know the truth of all things."—Moroni 10: 4-5.

"Behold, that which is of God inviteth and enticeth to do good continually; wherefore, everything which inviteth and enticeth to do good, and to love God, and to serve him, is inspired of God.

"For behold, the spirit of Christ is given to every man that he may know with a perfect knowledge it is of God.

"But whatsoever thing persuadeth men to do evil and believe not in Christ, and deny him, and serve not God, then it is of the devil; for after this manner doth the devil work, for he persuadeth no man to do good, no not one; neither do his angels, neither do they who subject themselves unto him."—Moroni 7: 13, 16, 17.

If people could gain a testimony by merely reading about the Gospel and admitting it was true, yet living a life that ordinarily makes a person a stranger to God, there would be no spiritual progress. We should rejoice that God in His wisdom has made faith the prize possession of people who study the principles of the Gospel, who live a righteous life and who keep close to God through prayer.

SCIENTIFIC ATTITUDE

Occasionally there are young people who attend higher institutions of learning and become confused in their thinking.

This attitude is generally the result of a mass of undigested facts which the mind is called upon to try and assimilate over a short period of time. In trying to keep up with studies, the Sabbath is violated and not much thought is given to things of the Spirit. As a result there is a maladjustment. The student has lost perspective. It sometimes takes a period of time after graduation for the individual to gain a proper balance between the mental and spiritual.

Scientific methods are the methods of obtaining truth in the experimental way. Ideals and emotions cannot be proved that way. Love cannot be proved in a laboratory. Neither can God be proved through a series of experiments. Many of the finest things in life cannot be proved. True faith in God can never be obtained through a critical or negative approach.

The mistake is made in considering everything tangible as the real things in life. We can see and feel automobiles, houses, furniture, equipment, factories and buildings, but the things of the Spirit are different.

TESTIMONY IS VITAL

Mother love is not tangible—yet it is one of the most real things in life. A testimony of the Gospel becomes a vital part of living which gives a meaning and purpose to life. To many people, a testimony of the Gospel of Jesus Christ has been considered more important than life itself.

Because certain so-called scientists have never experienced spiritual feelings, should they arrogantly proclaim that there is no God? When they make such assertions they are not scientific. They presume to speak with authority on a subject they are unfamiliar with. They know no more of the things of the spirit than any other non-believer.

Many prominent scientists are profoundly religious men. Until we have gone as far in science as these men have, we should not express opinions as to whether or not religion is false. It is best to reserve judgment until additional facts are obtained.

AN OPEN MIND

The Latter-day Saints' Church teaches its members to study and keep an open mind for truth. Faith must be based on truth or it is a superstition. The more intelligence and knowledge a person has, the stronger the faith may become, provided the individual remains humble and has a sincere desire to live in accordance with the principles of the Gospel.

Ignorance is a sin when there is an opportunity to learn.

But knowledge should be tempered with wisdom. If a person is not sure of his ground, he should change his mode of living to the extent that he give the formula for obtaining faith a chance to operate in his life.

"If any man will do His will, he shall know of the doctrine whether it be of God or whether I speak of myself."—John 7: 17.

Prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it."—Malachi 3: 10.

★

LAUGH

Build for yourself a strong box,
Fashion each part with care;
Fit it with hasp and padlock,
Put all your troubles there.
Hide therein all your failure,
And each bitter cup you quaff,
Lock all your heartaches within it,
Then—sit on the lid and laugh.

Tell no one of its contents;
Never its secrets share;
Drop in your cares and worries,
Keep them forever there;
Hide them from sight so completely,
The world will never dream half;
Fasten the top down securely,
Then—sit on the lid and laugh.

—Anonymous.

Perfect Love

Love, the quality least understood,
What is thy secret; what, thy greatest good;
Can I, from creed of man thy secret find,
Or wrest it from the walks of human kind?
Or from the daily round, the common task,
Its age-old secret jealously unmask?
Say not from passion's creed of aimed desire,
Can I descry the secret holy fire;
Nor from inverted love of my self glean
The hallowed glow of perfect love serene.
Let's then to Holy Writ our footsteps turn,
And from the Words of Christ our lesson learn:—

First, love thy God: this is the law Christ gave,
And for that law he died—the world to save;
Then, love thy neighbour was His next behest,
And on these two great laws the secret rests.
For if these laws of love you fully live,
You'll find that by them you are asked to give
Your very self and all you hold most dear,
To learn the love-born secret that they bear.
And then will dawn within your zealous heart,
This one great truth, which, lived, will joy impart,
Of what Christ meant when He so nobly said
To those who yearned for nobler love to shed:
" 'Tis better, far, to lose the wide world whole,
Than to imperil your immortal soul."
Who is my neighbour then, the answer pray,
Is it he I meet with every live-long day?
The fellow workman, the lady down the street,
The schoolfellow, the people whom we meet,
In all the common walks and talks of life,
The father, mother, children, husband, wife?
The crowd we jostle in the busy mart,
The chance acquaintance, meeting but to part,
The butcher, baker, all we meet each day,
Each taking up the road upon life's way?
Are these my neighbours I should learn to love,
If I would reach the perfect state above;
Yes, yes, my friends, these are the folks Christ meant
When to us all His creed of love He sent;
Hark to His words which give the final plea,
And history re-echoes its truth to you and me—
"Greater love hath no man, as through the world he wends,
Than he who lays his life down for his friends."

—Brother John F. Cook,
Norwich District.

More Congratulations

IT is with pleasure that we announce the success of Brother Clifford Hartley, President of the Wigan Branch, in obtaining fifteen subscriptions to the "Millennial Star," which entitles him to receive a Bronze Star in accordance with our Circulation Campaign. He is the second member to receive this award, and a recent addition to his number of subscriptions takes him well past the mark and on the way to a second Bronze Star. The results since the launching of the campaign have been gratifying and encouraging and our circulation grows perceptibly week by week. Over one hundred and twenty new subscriptions have come into the Circulation Department since the announcement was made a few months back. As stated in a previous issue, President Frank Coleby of the Norwich District was the first recipient of a Bronze Star very soon after the announcement was published, and he still leads the field with twenty subscriptions obtained to date. Brother Hartley is close behind with eighteen, while Brother Alvin Thomas follows with eight. Forty contestants have sent in subscriptions altogether, their efforts ranging from one subscription to twenty. We have been told that the first fifteen are the hardest to obtain. After that, it becomes considerably easier! May we suggest that the one's, two's, three's, four's, and five's move along a little and make a great effort to reach the first milestone.

ALL READERS OF THE "STAR" ARE INVITED TO ADD THEIR NAMES TO THE GROWING LIST OF CONTESTANTS. HERE ARE THE CONDITIONS AND RULES:

We will present ONE BRONZE STAR to any reader who can sell 15 NEW SUBSCRIPTIONS OF THREE MONTHS EACH. A DOUBLE BRONZE STAR will be awarded to the readers who sell 30 NEW SUBSCRIPTIONS, a TRIPLE BRONZE STAR to the readers who sell 45, and a SILVER STAR to the readers who sell 60. These Stars are attractive little badges that can be affixed firmly to the jacket, coat or tie, or handbag, or anywhere the wearer desires, not too conspicuous, but recognisable as worthy reward of effort in the project. The contest is open to all readers of the "Star," **including Missionaries, who are expected to lead the way.**

The rules are few and simple, but must be adhered to.

1. Any Contestant must be a reader of the "Star" and their own account must be clear on the circulation index.
2. Every subscription sent in must be new. Contestants will only receive credit for a RENEWAL if the subscriber is Two Quarters in Arrears and settles Account at time of Renewal.
3. A Subscription shall be nominated as being for ONE-QUARTER—2/3, and the Contestant shall receive ONE CREDIT for same.
4. A Contestant who secures a Subscription for one year, 8/8, or for nine months, 6/9, will receive TWO CREDITS towards his total, and a 4/6 subscription for a half year will count as ONE CREDIT.
5. SLIPS for entering full particulars will be printed on the inside back cover of the "Star." These **MUST BE USED FOR THIS PURPOSE ONLY.** ENTER NAMES AND ADDRESSES CLEARLY AND BOLDLY.
6. Cash must be sent in with all Subscriptions obtained. Postal orders, money orders, stamps and cheques will be accepted.

READ THE "STAR" AND BECOME GOSPEL WISE !

CARRY ON !

To The Land Of Our Saviour

By Leone Openshaw Jacobs

Wife of Elder Joseph Jacobs, former President of the Palestine-Syrian Mission

(Continued from October 30th, Vol. 103, No. 44)

STATIONS OF CROSS

ALL along the route which Christ traversed as He carried the Cross to Calvary, certain incidents are marked and are called "Stations of the Cross." There are 14 of these "stations." The first is reputedly at the spot where Christ received the Cross and we are shown grooves in the underground street which the Romans made to prevent slipping of the Cross as it was shouldered by anyone who was to be crucified.

The sixth "Station of the Cross" is marked "The House of St. Veronica." The story goes that at this point a certain lady, Veronica, gave Christ her handkerchief to wipe His brow. When He returned the handkerchief, the imprint of His face was upon it. This handkerchief is reputed to be in Rome at the present day. An inscription in Latin marks the spot where the crown of thorns was placed upon His head.

The two places which impressed me most were the Garden of Gethsemane and the Mount of Olives. The Garden of Gethsemane is just outside the east wall of the old city, down a short decline and across the brook Kedron. One can easily see why Jesus retired there—a very peaceful, beautiful spot, away from the noise and confusion of the city. The Garden is divided into two sections, with a roadway running between. One part is left to nature, olive trees grow at random and the wild grass is high. This part I enjoyed most, since it is the natural setting. The other side is under cultivation, displaying flowers and shrubs, also olive trees and a beautiful church in the rear.

Inside the church is a large rock to which Christ came to pray, we were told. Of interest are eight old olive trees, hardly more than old stumps, which we learn may have been here at the time of Christ. We do know that olive trees grow to a great old age, and it may be possible that these were there at that time. Some of the few leaves which grow on these eight trees are picked and put into souvenir booklets for tourists to take away with them. The Mount of Olives is just up the steep hill east of the Garden.

As we viewed the beloved old city, many emotions came over me. How happy and grateful I was for this wonderful opportunity. But I was sad as well. It came to my mind that nearly two thousand years have passed since Christ gave His teachings to the world. During that time we have made great strides in many lines. Modern inventions have given us ease and comfort, medicine has conquered many diseases, and lengthened life, science has made almost unbelievable progress in many fields of learning, but in the most important science

The Latter-Day Saints' "Millennial Star"

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 1941

EDITORIAL

Revelation Continues

THIS article is written not alone for the benefit of those non-Mormon critics who are inclined to doubt or scoff, but for the benefit of those individuals among us who still call themselves Latter-day Saints, but who are not quite sure in their own minds that revelation does actually continue in the restored Church.

We think of Joseph Smith, of course, as the great Prophet of the Restoration Even non-Mormon critics agree that Joseph Smith did give many unusual ideas to the world, all of which conform more or less to the teachings of the Bible. But did revelation to the prophet-leaders of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints stop there? Let us examine briefly the facts in the case.

Brigham Young, prophet-leader No. 2, was the marvellous pioneer and organizer. His foresight as a builder is commonly known and admitted to be nothing less than prophetic. He will go down in history—Mormon and non-Mormon alike—as one of the few greatest Americans of the nineteenth century.

John Taylor, prophet-leader No. 3, carried on the mighty work outlined by Brigham Young. But he also added greatly to the potential leadership of the Church. For it was during his administration that the Primary Association of the Church was organized. And such mighty Mormon leaders as the late Dr. James E. Talmage, and the late Brigham H. Roberts, trace the inspiration of their youth to this prophet-leader.

Wilford Woodruff, prophet-leader No. 4, was possessed of remarkable foresight. It was he who planned the organization of the Genealogical Society of Utah, after the dedication of the great Salt Lake Temple of the Church. This marvellous genealogical organization is now world-wide. It not only stimulates temple work in the Church, but it actually has a

wide effect in stimulating interest in non-Mormon genealogical activity.

Lorenzo Snow, prophet-leader No. 5, was plainly inspired of heaven to deliver the Church from financial bondage. His administration was short, but the labours thereof are still truly marvellous in their consequences.

Joseph F. Smith, prophet-leader No. 6, inaugurated in an equally inspired manner, the mighty temple building movement, which continues today with ever increasing momentum. He saw in vision the preaching of the Gospel in the world of spirits, and enlarged the Mormon conception of the world beyond the grave.

And what shall we say of the present prophet-leader—Heber J. Grant? Within the past five years there has arisen within the Church, and before the searching eyes of the world, two movements which are clearly destined to make the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints climb rapidly into world leadership. Both of these marvellous movements have come from the mind of Heber J. Grant—nay, from the mind of God through His prophet-leader on the earth.

The first of these movements is the now already famous Church Welfare Plan. This outstanding movement was launched when the world seemed to be on the threshold of better times. Yet, with prophetic accuracy, Heber J. Grant put into motion the necessary leadership, organization, and means not only to take care of the Church's own membership in times of world crisis, but to show the world the way out. And what has happened since then? The reader needs only to reflect and be convinced. And the end is not yet.

The second of these movements, the Stake Missions of the Church, has not come in for so much publicity. Yet its work is none the less effective. For already its efficient and well timed effort has practically offset the retarding effect of closing the foreign missions of the Church because of the Second World War. Thus the restored Church continues to grow and flourish despite the terrible judgments of God upon the earth.

Yes, dear reader, revelation *does* continue in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. And it *will* continue as long as God has need to make His mind and will known among the children of men who live upon the earth. "Surely the Lord God will do nothing, but he revealeth his secret unto his servants the prophets."—Amos 3: 7.

of them all, the science of human relationships, we have progressed hardly at all. The science of getting along one with another is still in its infancy. Many parts of the world are at present filled with hate and greed. We see scant evidence that the golden rule has taken root in the lives of men. Even this beloved old city is teeming with murder and animosity. And the thought came to my mind that if Jesus should come again today, He would most likely feel toward the whole world as He did when He uttered those words, "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, how often would I have gathered thy children together as a hen gathered her chickens under her wing, and ye would not." Tears filled my eyes at the thought of His sorrow for the children of men.

Bethlehem is only six miles from Jerusalem. On the way we passed the "Well of the Maji" and the "Tomb of Rachel." Bethlehem is a quiet little village of only 7,000 population, mostly Moslem. The Church of Nativity was built in 330 A.D. and has never been destroyed since that date. In 1934 some mosaics were found under the present floor with Greek letters inscribed meaning "Jesus Christ the Son of God." The Grotto of Nativity purports to be the exact spot where Christ was born and nearby is the manger. The manger is smaller than I had imagined and made of stone, as so many things are in these countries. We were told that originally it was lined with wood, but that the wooden part is in Rome. A beautiful altar is dedicated to the gifts of the wise men and a huge mother-of-pearl star represents the one the wise men followed to Bethlehem.

VISIT UNDERGROUND

Underground we visited the Grotto of St. Jerome, where Jerome translated the Bible from Hebrew into the Latin Vulgate, also a room to which the soldiers came heralding the edict of Herod that all children of Bethlehem two years of age and under were to be slain. The main chapel is a beautiful hall. On either side are two rows of red limestone columns. The huge cross and altar are richly ornamented. Scores of costly crystal chandeliers are kept covered with cloth to protect them from dust, but on celebration days, Easter, Christmas, etc., they are uncovered and elaborate services are held.

From the flat roof top we viewed the hills where the shepherds were feeding their flocks the night the angel appeared bringing "good tidings of great joy." In an adjacent valley is the Field of Boaz and Ruth. In the far distance we saw a hill where tradition says David and Goliath fought their memorable duel.

It seems almost incredible that so many historic places can be in such close proximity. For example: when we stood on the Mount of Olives we were shown, to the east of us, the Mount of Temptation where Jesus was taken by Satan and offered the kingdoms of the world if He would bow down and worship him. Far to the southeast we could see the Dead Sea. Just down the rear slope of the Mount of Olives about two miles, is the little village of Bethany, the home of Mary and Martha and Lazarus.

Because of our experiences in these lands, the scriptures have taken on new meaning and many incidents therein related, have become more clear. Many of the Parables of the Saviour, for instance, are still enacted here every day. One day we were travelling to Damascus to visit the few Saints there. Along the road we passed several shepherds with their flocks and we decided to find out if the details of the Parable of the Good Shepherd, as related in the New Testament, still held true.

The flocks are small, not more than 75 or 100 in a flock. The shepherd, carrying his staff, walks in front and leads the sheep—no horses, or camp wagon. In John, Chapter 10, we read: "Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that entereth not by the door into the sheepfold, but climbeth up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber. But he that entereth in by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. To him the porter openeth; and the sheep hear his voice; and he calleth his own sheep by name, and leadeth them out. And when he putteth forth his own sheep, he goeth before them, and the sheep follow him; for they know his voice. And a stranger will they not follow, but will flee from him; for they know not the voice of strangers. This parable spake Jesus unto them."

We stopped near the shepherd, and President Jacobs, being able to speak Arabic, inquired of him if the sheep really have names.

"Yes, they do," he replied. (Not all of them are named, I suppose, but the ring-leaders at least.)

"Would you mind calling some of them for us?" The shepherd called out some Arabic names and a few of the sheep detached themselves from the flock and came and stood by his side. The shepherd patted their heads and they returned. Then President Jacobs said he wished to try calling them. The shepherd said the names to him and he repeated them several times. Then he called them out, but the sheep would not move. We were profoundly impressed with this literal enactment of the parable.

ANOTHER PARABLE

"Another parable put He forth unto them, saying, The Kingdom of Heaven is like to a grain of mustard seed, which a man took, and sowed in his field; Which indeed is the least of all seeds; but when it is grown, it is the greatest among herbs, and becometh a tree, so that the birds of the air come and lodge in the branches thereof." In the garden near what is called "the garden tomb" in Jerusalem, we saw a mustard seed of the kind Jesus described. It does, indeed appear to be the tiniest of seeds and yet the bush from which we gathered the seeds was a veritable tree, some six or eight feet in height.

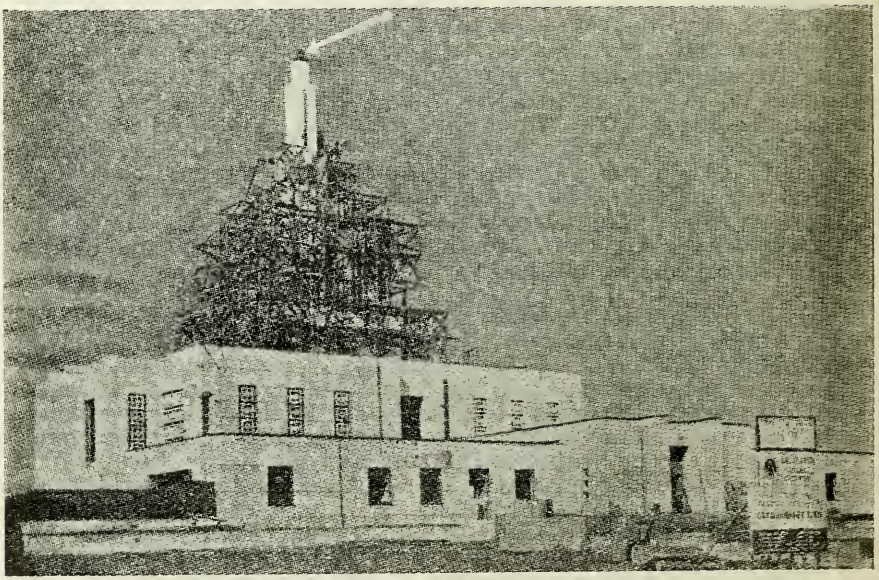
"For the Kingdom of Heaven is like unto a man that is an householder, which went out early in the morning to hire labourers into his vineyard. And when he had agreed with the labourers for a penny a day, he sent them into his vineyard. And he went out about the third hour, and saw others standing idle in the market place. And said unto them, Go ye also into the vineyard, and whatsoever is right, I will give

you. And they went their way. Again he went out about the sixth and ninth hour, and did likewise. And about the eleventh hour he went out, and found others standing idle, and saith unto them, Why stand ye here all the day idle? They say unto him, because no man hath hired us. He saith unto them, Go ye also into the vineyard; and whatsoever is right, that shall ye receive."

In the large cities of these countries, certain corners or "labour markets" are reserved for different types of workers. For example; carpenters and painters congregate in a certain place, stone cutters and plasterers at another corner and field hands at still another. And so, when a contractor or merchant or land-owner needs to hire help, he goes to the location where workers in that particular line congregate, picks out the ones he wishes and then settles on a price for their labour. It was just so at the time the Saviour gave this parable. In the early morning hours, the younger, huskier and more skilled labourers would be hired, but as the day wore on, the less desirables would be left and would be hired at a smaller price, until, at the eleventh hour, the few remaining labourers would work for very little.

★

TEMPLE BUILDERS PROGRESS



Rapidly assuming its ultimate appearance, the Idaho Falls Temple is almost complete so far as exterior construction is concerned. Arrow points to John Fetzer, of the Latter-day Saints Temple Board of Architects, removing form from capstone. Scaffolding has been removed from much of the structure to reveal its glistening onyx walls. In the lower photo workmen may be seen fastening sheets of cast onyx to a section of the wall.

For The Young Folk

THE PERFECT HARMONY

Each of us has a part to play
As on through life we go,
Doing a little day by day
To help a friend or foe.

'Tis hard to find the Master Key;
But we must persevere
And seek our guidance prayerfully
To make the pathway clear.

And when we've found the pathway bright;
And plan for each tomorrow:
With steadfast eyes we keep in sight
His path, which we must follow.

GLENNIS and John were talking to their favourite Uncle, who was staying with them for the week. John didn't want to go to Sunday School, but Glennis was anxious to attend as she had been given the job of helping teacher give out the books and pencils and collect them after the lesson. John had no set job and, I am afraid, he thought he wouldn't be missed very much if he stayed away.

Uncle Jim reminded his nephew and niece of the children's orchestra they had heard that day, how each musician had a special part to play. Those who played string instruments seemed to be playing nearly all the time, but the little girl with the cymbals was only called upon to clap them once or twice. All the players had their music stands arranged so that they could read their music and watch the movements of the conductor at the same time. The conductor was the man in charge of all the players, who told them all when to start playing, and whether to play fast or slow, or loud or soft. The music was very beautiful because each one did his very best, and followed exactly all the instructions given him by the conductor.

"Now," said Uncle Jim, "when you go to Sunday School in the morning, I want you to remember the children's orchestra. You, Glennis, have a fairly large part to play, just like the string instruments had, but John's part is very small. Even though the cymbals were seldom used, they were very necessary for the successful rendering of the music. Your part, John, is just as necessary in the Sunday School. Your Sunday School Superintendent plays the same part as the conductor of the orchestra, and you must follow him, just the same as all the players followed their conductor. If you play your part to the best of your ability, always obeying those in authority over you, you will enjoy Sunday School, and will find the same harmony and joy there as you found in the music of the orchestra."

E. M. B.

Home Missionaries' Page

LITERATURE—TRACTS AND PAMPHLETS. Every Missionary should possess a sufficient quantity of assorted Tracts and especially Pamphlets, which explain his message fully and concisely. Every Missionary should KNOW the written word he delivers. The Tracts and Pamphlets must be studied very carefully. The finest and the shortest sermons are contained therein.

In the last war, a Missionary from Zion was a companion to a local six months' Missionary in this Country. The Brother from Zion lacked in the training so essential to a successful Missionary—lacked in the training of speech, deportment and experience: he was a farmer. His companion possessed deportment, but could not speak English. They began their missionary duties. Many times a month the Brother from Zion went without food all day, fasting and studying the Gospel late into the night. His companion followed suit. As did the disciples of old, they trusted in the spirit of the Lord to guide them and lead them. Tracting was essential six days a week. They had to pay for their Tracts and Pamphlets. Within a month the Brother from Zion was doing splendid work. He and his companion would go out each morning with a pile of Tracts and Pamphlets. The farmer-missionary was ahead each day. By the end of the first month they were walking out with as many Tracts and Pamphlets as they could each carry. "Brother, how did you get on today?" "O, not so bad. I sold 25 Pamphlets and gave 60 Tracts." The race was on, but his "short term" companion could not catch up with him.

He finished his mission with a record of 56 Pamphlets sold in one day of three hours tracting, and 120 Tracts given away (not dropped). Conversations were not many, but these two Missionaries sold their literature and felt satisfied that if the people at the doors bought and paid for pamphlets they would read them. These missionaries could not preach the Gospel as well as the written word. The farmer-missionary, within two months, through fasting and study, was able to preach the Gospel to hushed congregations. His companion held hundreds of people to attention and received applause in open air meetings. Honour and glory be to the Father!

Can it be done today? Yes, definitely Yes! Only this week a London Missionary labouring in Wales sent in an order for 200 "Plan of Salvation" Pamphlets. Last week he ordered for himself and his companions 24 "Stars" each. These brethren do very splendid work and their time is given to all the members equally.

Brethren and Sisters, Missionaries of the most precious Gospel, can you take example from these four brethren and do likewise? Try it.

Home Missionary Supervisors, please check very carefully each weekly report to insure that names and correct addresses of inactives and friends are given fully and not duplicated. (Be sure to state if first or repeated visit in each case.) A. K. A.

Sister Douglas Passes

SISTER RINTHA PRATT DOUGLAS passed away on Saturday, August 2nd, at her home in Ogden, Utah. She was 79 years of age, having been born in Salt Lake City in 1862, a daughter of the Apostle, Orson Pratt. Our readers will remember her from the time she was resident in this country during the years 1931-4, with her husband, who was President of the British Mission. While here, she made approximately 100 trips up and down Britain in her work as President of the Relief Societies of the Mission. As a girl she worked in the L.D.S. Historian's Office and among her fellow workers were such great men as Wilford Woodruff and John Jaques, the hymn-writer. She was married to James H. Douglas in the Endowment House, Salt Lake City, by President Wilford Woodruff, and lived in Ogden since that time.

Burial services were held Monday, August 4th, at which Elder Albert E. Bowen of the Council of the Twelve was the principal speaker. Interment took place at Ogden City Cemetery.

A personal message from President A. K. Anastasiou:

The Saints in the British Isles regret to learn of the death of Sister Rintha P. Douglas, and unitedly tender to Elder James H. Douglas and his children their heartfelt sympathy and condolence. Many of us fondly remember Sister Douglas, a gracious little lady, who laboured so diligently side by side with her husband as President of the British Mission Relief Societies. Those who knew her personally will miss her most. She was a keen worker and had a personal interest in the welfare of the Church members. The writer holds very pleasant memories of her. She was a born leader among women, and in all her engagements, in public and private, she spoke with authority, had charm, and a very pleasing personality.

> "Blessed are the dead that die in the Lord; they shall rise from the dead and shall not die after, and shall receive inheritance before the Lord in the Holy City."

★

DISTRICT ACTIVITIES

Bristol

An M.I.A. Opening Social was held in the Bristol Branch on Tuesday, Novemebr 4th. The newly formed M.I.A. Presidency, President C. S. Garradley-Armstrong, Sister Elsie Vale, First Counsellor, and Brother Paul Battle, Second Counsellor, led the proceedings, which commenced with a high tea, prepared by the Relief Society Sisters. Many games were enjoyed and and prizes presented. Thirty-six members and friends were present.

Leeds

The Leeds District Presidency organised a Home Missionary community tea and social on Saturday, November 1st. Thirty-five people enjoyed the festivities and witnessed a play contest and an indoor firework display.

Louisa Harding and Irene Jackson were baptised by District President Herbert Walker, and confirmed by President Fred Laycock and Brother Wm. R. Newson, respectively, at a Baptismal Service held in Bradford Chapel on Sunday, November 2nd. Elders A. C. Anas-

tasiou, Jnr., and Alvin L. Gittins spoke on "Baptism" and "The Gift of the Holy Ghost."

London

A very fine spirit was manifest at a combined Priesthood meeting for the Luton and St. Albans Branches, held in the Luton Branch on Saturday, November 1st. Brother Alan Osborn spoke on "Wisdom, Knowledge and Tact," Brother Geo. A. Goundry on "Sacrifice," Elder J. Bullock on "Authority of the Priesthood," and President Wm. C. Chipping on "Measuring Ourselves."

A Baptismal Service was held in the South London Chapel on Sunday, November 9th. Sylvia Jeannette Fowler was baptised by Elder Wesley A. Bowen and confirmed by Elder Melvin W. Dunn. Wm. John B. Finnis was baptised by Elder Ralph S. Mount and confirmed by Elder Thomas Rudd. Addresses were given on "Baptism," by Sister Mollie Smith, "The Gift of the Holy Ghost," by Sister Edna Gardner, and "Friendship and Love" by Sister Ivy Woodhead. A good spirit was present.

Manchester

A Grand Opening Social was held in the Rochdale Branch Chapel on Saturday, November 1st. About fifty people took part in a Beetle Drive and afterwards enjoyed a delicious supper of potatoe pie, etc., served by the Gleaners and M-Men.

Norwich

Norwich Branch held its Annual Harvest Thanksgiving Services on Sunday, October 26th, under the direction of Brother Bert Martins. Special talks were given in the morning session by Sister Betty Simpson and Brother Thomas Wilson. In the afternoon, members rendered a poetic presentation composed by Brother John F. Cook, entitled "The Seasons."

Sheffield

Brother and Sister Geo. Laycock opened their home and provided a Halloween Supper for the Home Missionaries and friends on Saturday, November 1st. The room was dimly lit by candles in scooped out turnips, representing ghostly faces. Ghost stories were told and the ghost appeared from time to time. Eighteen people enjoyed a very happy evening.

Scottish

On Sunday, November 9th, the Relief Society of the Rural Districts of Scotland were re-organised. Sister Marian Paterson was released from her position as President, with a vote of thanks, and Sisters Henderson and McVie were set apart by President McGowan as President and First Counsellor, respectively.

THE Presidency and Saints of the Scottish District wish, through the pages of the "Star," to thank Brother Cyril Burton of the Doncaster Branch (now serving in the Mercantile Navy) for the help he rendered them while spending a short period recently in Glasgow. The friends and acquaintances he made there wish him God-speed and pray sincerely that he will be guarded and protected from all dangers that threaten him in these perilous times and that he may return safely to his loved ones.

President McGowan states that any members of the Priesthood who may be serving in any of His Majesty's Forces will be welcome should they be in Glasgow at any time.

(Brother Cyril Burton is the brother of Elder Ralph Burton at present fulfiling a Mission.)

★

AND FINALLY A LITTLE HUMOUR . . .

An old grave digger, who lived at the foot of the Grampians, was one day complaining of the dulness of the times.

"Mon, John, is trade that bad wi' ye?" said a sympathetic neighbour.

"Bad!" returned John, "I havena buried a leevin' sowl this sax weeks!"

"STAR" SALES CAMPAIGN

No.....

Name of Contestant.....

Address.....

New Subscriber's Name (Mr.) (Mrs.) (Miss).....

Address.....

.....

Period of Subscription:

3 months 2/3; 6 months 4/6; 9 months 6/9; 12 months 8/8
( ) ( ) ( ) ( )

Indicate period required.....

"STAR" SALES CAMPAIGN

No.....

Name of Contestant.....

Address.....

New Subscriber's Name (Mr.) (Mrs.) (Miss).....

Address.....

.....

Period of Subscription:

3 months 2/3; 6 months 4/6; 9 months 6/9; 12 months 8/8
( ) ( ) ( ) ( )

Indicate period required.....

"STAR" SALES CAMPAIGN

No.....

Name of Contestant.....

Address.....

New Subscriber's Name (Mr.) (Mrs.) (Miss).....

Address.....

.....

Period of Subscription:

3 months 2/3; 6 months 4/6; 9 months 6/9; 12 months 8/8
( ) ( ) ( ) ( )

Indicate period required.....

BOOKS YOU HAVE WAITED FOR !

THE M.I.A. BOARD is happy to announce that the Study Manual for the year is here, entitled——————

HOURS WITH OUR LEADERS

By BRYANT S. HINCKLEY

One hundred and ninety-eight pages, filled with interest —Sixteen concise biographies of leading Church Authorities—M-Men and Gleaner Activities outlined— "Opportunity Nights" — Lessons, Vital and Living

STUDY IT IN YOUR HOME AND M.I.A.

Price 2/- Each

Also available

MANUAL FOR EXECUTIVES

No M.I.A. Worker should be without this invaluable aid to the proper direction of activities.

Assembly Programmes, fully outlined—Sunday Evening Conjoint Material—Numerous Hints and Instructions on DRAMA, DANCING, MUSIC and SPEECH.

YOU SHOULD HAVE ONE.

Price 2/- Each

You can also obtain a

NEW SONG BOOK FOR M-MEN AND GLEANERS

containing eight brand new songs

Price 6d. per copy.

Leaflet copies of a fine new song

"COMRADES IN THE M.I.A."

written for Chorus, will be sent FREE upon request.

THESE BOOKS ARE ONLY PROCURABLE FROM

THE MISSION BOOKSTORE

149 Nightingale Lane, London, S.W.12

Please remember to

INCLUDE REMITTANCE WITH ORDERS

LET'S GO TO MUTUAL WITH A MANUAL!

The Ludo Press, 373 Earlsfield Road, London, S.W.18.